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PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF STRESS ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY IN PATIENTS WITH MULTIVESSEL CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

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Background: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the prognostic value of stress echocardiography (SEcho) in patients with multivessel coronary artery disease (high risk coronary anatomy).

Methods: We evaluated 406 patients (65 ± 10 years; 63% males) referred for SEcho (45% treadmill, 55% dobutamine) and who underwent SEcho and coronary angiography within 3 months and without intervening coronary revascularization. All patients had multivessel CAD as defined by coronary stenosis ($\geq 50\%$ left main or $\geq 70\%$ in 2 or more major epicardial vessels). The left ventricle was divided into 16 segments and scored on a 5-point scale of wall motion. Patients with abnormal results on SEcho were defined as those with stress-induced ischemia (increase in wall-motion score of ≥ 1 grade).

Results: Followup (3.1 ± 1.2 years) for non-fatal MI ($n = 35$) and cardiac death ($n = 31$) was obtained. In patients with multivessel CAD, SEcho effectively risk stratified normal (no ischemia, $n = 83$) in contrast to abnormal (ischemia, $n = 326$) groups for cardiac events (event rate 1.9%/year vs. 5.4%/year; $p = 0.01$) [graph]. Multivariate logistic regression identified age (HR:1.04; 95%CI: 1.01-1.05; $p = 0.02$) and stress-induced ischemia (HR:3.2; 95%CI:1.1-8.9; 95%; $p = 0.03$) as significant predictors of adverse cardiac events.

Conclusions: In patients with multivessel CAD, (1) normal results on SEcho conferred a low-intermediate cardiac event rate (1.9%/year); (2) abnormal SEcho results identified a high risk group (5.4%/year).

